(b) if so, whether on completion, these hostels would accommodate the students from those categories only;

(c) what is the latest requirement of hostels in the campus; and

(d) what steps are being taken to augment funds for their construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), three hostels with approximately 400 rooms are currently under construction in the JNU campus. Grants for two of these hostels meant for the tribal girls and boys have been provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. After completion of these hostels, the University will be able to provide hostel accommodation not only to all the SC/ST students, but also to all the outstation students including those from other categories as well.

In addition, two hostels for SC boys and girls have already been constructed and all the students of this category have already been accommodated in various hostels including these. For these two hostels, 90% of funds has been provided by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the remaining 10% has been provided by the Ministry of Human Resource Development/UGC.

Restructuring Regional Engineering Colleges

3588. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any Committee to restructure the Regional Engineering Colleges;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) whether Government propose to restructure the Regional Engineering Colleges in the light of those recommendations; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir. A High Powered Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar was

constituted by the Government to review the Regional Engineering Colleges.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) and (d) As per the recommendations of the High Powered Review Committee Report on Regional Engineering Colleges, Government of India has taken a decision, in principle to upgrade the facilities and infrastructure in all Regional Engineering Colleges by providing them the necessary support.

Promotion of Hindi and Sanskrit

†3589. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for promotion, expansion and propagation of Hindi and Sanskrit languages in the country;

(b) the number of States where difficulties are being faced in giving importance to these languages and in respect of their curriculum as well;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to promote Sanskrit language for the purpose of learning and knowledge; and

(d) if so, whether the National Official Language Committee is considering to take any steps in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Government of India has formulated various schemes and programmes for promotion, expansion and propagation of Hindi and Sanskrit languages in the country. The Central Hindi Directorate, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology and Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan among others implement different schemes to promote Hindi and Sanskrit. In addition, Government also implements several Centrally sponsored schemes. Further details are placed in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

No difficulties have been reported from any States in the implementation of the above mentioned schemes.

(d) No such Committee has been constituted by the Government.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.